

# THREE PRETTY NEW YORK GIRLS AND THEIR NEW SPRING WAISTS.

THE chiffon cape is the newest, daintiest and most fetching device of the economical Spring girl for giving to her plain tailor-made gown the effect of a dressy toilet.

It is useful for a score of occasions; for driving, theatres, afternoon teas, visiting and church going, and is always made of some fluffy, gauzy material

New Chiffon Cape.

that lays lightly about the shoulders and throat and is infinitely becoming to slim and stout girls alike. It adds a charm to the pretty face and softens the harsh lines of age.

The accompanying cut shows the latest Spring model for a chiffon cape. Like all of the new capes it is short, scarcely reaching over the shoulders, and cut square across the bust, more like a trimmed yoke than the old style of full, round capes.

A yard of taffeta will serve for the foundation. After this is cut and neatly fitted, like a square yoke, cover it with chiffon in either broad or narrow tucks, running from neck to shoulder. At the extreme edge of lining place two accordion plaited chiffon frills, full and deep, the upper one a trifle the shorter. Over this, extending around the entire cape as a finish, put a ruffle of lace, full and but half the width of chiffon.

Deeper lace of the same pattern forms the jabot, and rosettes of ribbon are placed at intervals on the lace heading.

Now for the estimate: 50 cents for the taffeta, and that is quite enough to pay; three yards of double-width chiffon cut into ruffles at \$1.80, five yards of narrow lace and two of wide, \$3.50; ribbon, \$1; making a total of \$6.80 for a cape that could not be gotten readymade for less than \$25. If the plaiting has to be done at a shop, perhaps \$1 more will be added to the cost.

And whatever the material used, the effect must be of a fluttering mass of delicate gauze, that blows in the wind and ripples about the throat of the Summer girl like billows of Spring blossoms in a May breeze.

ANOTHER important and wholly new creation this Spring is the Oriental shirt waist.

Shirt waists in plain colors, in stripes, checks or brocades will not be the ultra-fashionable style for Summer wear.

The novelty in separate waists this season will be a combination of Oriental colors with modish fabrics. The colors in these new gauzes are in exact reproduction of the vegetable dyes of Eastern lands, and the combination of hues is copied from the priceless shawls of cashmere, from the "chuddahs" worn by Hindostanee Hill women, from Madras curtains and Phulkarie embroideries.

Terra-cotta and dull blue are combined, reddish brown and orange, yellow, blue and red, pale green and gold, and sometimes every hue known to Oriental looms are woven in one vivid color scheme.

In spite of the gorgeous effect of the material the style of making is in the fashion of the simplest shirt waist. A tucked, square-cut yoke, with full blouse effect over the bust, fastened with studs in a narrow plait, is a popular design. The sleeves are the old-style shirt sleeves.

THE fashionably athletic girl may have any number of sporting gowns, for golf, for the wheel, for hunting and yachting, but her wardrobe is never complete without one or many dainty tea gowns, or "lounging" gowns, as the muscular maid would say.

The very newest design in these "lounging robes" is of Liberty silk, or better and much cheaper, China silk, which can be bought thirty inches wide for forty-nine cents a yard. These most aesthetic gowns, which are of pure white, are cut with Watteau plait in the back and full in the front. The neck is slightly low and square.

Long, puffed sleeves come well over the hand and are edged with lace. The large shoulder puff is also elaborately garnished with lace extending from the lace inserting which trims the neck.

A white satin ribbon is fastened trimly about the waist and forms a trimming at either side of the square-cut neck. Such a tea gown can cost all the way from \$8 to \$80, according to material and value of lace used.



Oriental Shirt Waist.



A New Tea Gown.